

Application No. 10/536,974
AMENDMENT of May 25, 2010
Reply to Office Action of February 25, 2010

REMARKS

The Applicants respond under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 to the Office Action of February 25, 2010.

Claims 1 through 3, 5 through 9, and 11 through 14 are pending in the application. Claim 2 is canceled. Claims 1, 6 and 7 are amended. No new matter is added.

No additional fee is due.

Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent Number 4,763,818 to Stefano et al. in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,264,019 to Roberts et al. The Examiner states that claims 9 and 11 through 14 are allowed, and claims 2 and 5 through 8 contain allowable subject matter.


This amendment incorporates the provisions of allowable claim 2 into independent claim 1. Therefore, claims 1, 3, 5 through 9, and 11 through 14 are allowable.

The Applicants may prosecute the scope of original claims 1 and 9 as well as the non-elected claims in future continuing or divisional applications.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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